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With Local 890 FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

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Salinas - Watsonville Division

TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE SPIEGEL FOODS COMPANY: On April 17, the Spiegel Foods Company discontinued dehydration of cabbage, and since that time has instituted, in addition to the frozen foods operation, a lettuce packing operation.

The contract governing both the frozen foods and the lettuce was not complete. We have arrived at certain conditions including the lettuce. These conditions are based somewhat on certain practices that we have enjoyed in the past, such as vacations, the 8-hour day and the 40-hour week, minimum wages of .925c per hour for women and we hope to establish minimum wages for men at \$1.05 per hour. Those of you who are employed in the lettuce packing operation at the Company will automatically fall into piece work rates as you improve.

The CIO have petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for an election to determine proper representation in the lettuce packing operation of the Company. Your Union has no objection to an election, provided the CIO have a representative group that desire such an election; however, let us point out the CIO agreement it now applies to the lettuce industry in this area. Their agreement has rates of pay which are below the present rates of pay now being paid at the Spiegel Foods Company.

They do not enjoy vacations with pay and they are not assured steady employment. They may use as an argument that you will not be able to work in any of their sheds. Please be assured of this: That all of you who are working in the lettuce industry at the Spiegel Foods Company will receive employment during the winter months—the CIO shed workers on the outside are assured of no employment.

Your Union intends to increase the vacation set-up and to establish higher rates of pay than those now existing.

Let us check the record, for example maintenance men: Under the CIO agreement they receive \$1.10 per hour with no overtime after 40 hours. We have already reached an agreement with the Company for this particular classification of an 8-hour day and the 40-hour week and the Company has offered \$1.40 per hour which in wages alone means a differential of 30c per hour more. Floor help under the CIO agreement are receiving 95c per hour on the hourly rate, wherein we have already been proposed a rate of \$1.025 per hour. Let us check the hourly rates in the lettuce packing operation of the Company. All of the hourly rates excepting the minimum rates for women which is .925c per hour are higher by from .05c to .15c per hour than the CIO have established. We intend to reach an agreement for the frozen foods operation of the Company as well as the lettuce packing operation of the Company which will surpass anything the CIO have been able to offer and what they may be able to procure in spite of the long period of time in which they have been representing the lettuce workers in this district. Have they ever received time and one-half after 40 hours? Do they people get any guaranteed time in excess of one hour? Do they receive the highest rate in the event they perform multiple jobs? Do they receive vacations with pay? These and many other conditions the CIO have not been able to procure for their members.

Now let us check the Union itself: Since 1941 the CIO have been in and around here working under some sort of an agreement. Have they provided the people with sick and death benefits? In the year 1945, our Local Union paid to its members over \$15,000 in sick and disability benefits at the rate of \$25.00 per week. The records properly audited by a C.F.A. is available to any member who desires to look at them, in addition to an accurate account of all monies received and expended by your Union.

Summarize the true picture as it has been related here, and record in your minds what has transpired in the last couple of years at the Spiegel Foods Company. Remember that your Union and not the Spiegel Foods Company is responsible for many additional hours of work which was procured for you through the Union's efforts.

Mrs. Bonedry—How strange, my dear, but this drink you served me—a roller coaster. I believe you called it, tastes almost identically like the Liver Regulator my husband has had to take for years!

Honor lies in honest toil—Grover Cleveland.

NOTICE TO LOCAL 890

Members of Warehousemen 890 are reminded that several important meetings will be called by the union during the month of May, and they are urged to watch next week's issue of this paper for more definite announcements. Meetings are being called for all divisions, including produce drivers.

We also wish to warn all our members NOT to sign ANY commitments, pledge cards or petitions being circulated by the CIO. If any intimidation or "pressure" is exerted on you by any CIO representatives, report these cases at once to your union office!

—PETE ANDRADE,
Secretary

RETRACTION

The Monterey County Labor News has been contacted by the legal counsel for Mrs. Inez Nunes and the Chemical Workers No. 260 of Watsonville. They take offense at a remark made in the paper of last week (April 26th, 1946) to the effect that:

"In closing, members of the Chemical Workers should check their treasury. It is alleged that someone showed up missing with part of the treasury. Check this."

The newspaper has no absolute proof of the above allegation and at this time we wish to make a retraction of the statement.

In Union Circles

(SALINAS)
Butchers—Good meeting with 40 members present. Ten new members. Will meet the first Monday of every month.

Carpenters—Routine meeting with 17 initiations.

Culinary—Contracts being signed. 13 new members. Meeting scheduled with Jeffrey Hotel next week, and Cominos Hotel and Town House to be taken care of later. Have been collecting retroactive pay from these concerns.

Plumbers—Had beer party. Nomination of officers. Appointed delegates to convention in Atlantic City.

Central Labor Council—Russell Matheson of Clerks 859 has been appointed on the Salinas Veterans Committee. Council decided to send copies of minutes to all affiliated locals.

Clerks Sign Up
East Bay Milk Firms
Local 29 has just completed successful negotiations with its East-bay milk companies, winning raises from \$18.50 to \$25 per month for its office workers there, reports Business Agent Muriel Kerchen.

The spirit among the union members in the milk plants is high, she adds. In addition to a wage increase, the work week was shortened and a better hiring clause was gained. The local was assisted by a committee from the Alameda County Central Labor Council, composed of Jeffrey Cohelan and Ro Pelichino.

SALINAS COUNCIL NOTES

Tribute was paid to the late Karl Hess, official of the Bartenders Union, who died recently, when the Salinas labor council stood silent for one minute at last week's meeting. A floral piece was sent to the funeral also.

Gladys Stone was endorsed unanimously for election as superintendent of schools. The endorsement was recommended by the council's Endorsement Committee.

Two newcomers have been named by the Salinas labor council to its Press Committee. They are Lewis Parsons, of Barbers 827, and Randolph Fenchel, of Laborers 272.

Secretary Peter A. Andrade of the labor council gave an interesting report of a Teamster meeting he attended in Los Angeles recently as a delegate from Warehousemen 890.

Carpenters Union 925 reported efforts underway to re-establish the union's territory of jurisdiction to include the new site for a state prison south of Soledad.

State Employees 420 informed the council that monthly meetings will be held henceforth by that union. Meetings will be alternated between Salinas, Monterey and Hollister. State civil service workers will receive a \$10.00 monthly increase starting June 1, in addition to the \$25.00 wartime increase now in effect, the council was told.

The Sugar Workers Union is the latest organization to throw support to the campaign for a new Salinas Labor Temple.

Warehousemen 890 reported to the council on canner worker jurisdictional difficulties and discussed negotiations with Spiegel Foods.

Building Service Completes Raises For All Members

A decisive victory for Building Service Employees 18 was rung up recently as a conclusion to prolonged negotiations with the Oakland United Employers. The United Employers were representing the 23 major hotels in the Oakland area, and had stalled for many weeks.

The union gathered its resources and won the full support of all other unions which would be involved in case of a strike. Granted was a 75c a day increase for all service workers, retroactive to Feb. 1, 1946, together with a clause providing for an increase on next Nov. 1 to the prevailing rate in San Francisco hotels. This will mean an additional \$12 to \$15 per month increase at that time. The contract will then run to Nov. 1, 1947.

In addition to this major increase, covering the largest single group of members in the local, 18 has just completed successful negotiations with the Eastbay bakers, covering building service workers. Effective March 21, 1946, they will get an increase to 90c an hour, a 20 per cent raise. They will also get a 5c premium for swing shift and 10c for graveyard, a new victory, and two weeks vacation with pay after one year's service.

As a result of these two gains, all members of the local have now received their first post-war raise, all but those working at the Permanente Hospital. Negotiations are now under way with Permanente, with successful results confidently expected.

Contempt of Court Charges Dismissed In Machinist Beef

San Diego, Calif.
Contempt of court charges against eight of 14 striking machinists named as defendants by Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. were dismissed in superior court here.

Judges Gordon Thompson and L. N. Turrentine ruled that the company had not properly served notice on these eight of injunctions against "mass and violent picketing," which Convair claims the strikers violated. Among those whom the court held remain as defendants was Pres. S. W. Freeman of Lodge 1125, Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated).

Life insurance in force in the United States is said to total \$154,000,000,000.

Is Your Job Covered by Old-Age Ins.?

Reminders on the importance of watching your old-age insurance credits has been voiced by San Francisco unions following receipt of information from the Social Security Board.

The first question to ask yourself is: "Is your job covered under old-age and survivors insurance?" The answer is "yes," if you are working in private industry, that is, factories, mills, mines, stores, banks, offices, garages, restaurants and the like.

The answer is "No, your job is not covered by this insurance, if you are working on a farm, in Federal, State, or local government service, or if you are a domestic servant, or an employee of a nonprofit organization such as a church or hospital, or if you are self-employed. (Railroad workers are covered under a separate system.)

Remember: You never lose credit for the wages you have earned in jobs covered under old-age and survivors insurance. This is true no matter how many times you move in and out of jobs covered under this program. Why? Because the Social Security Board keeps a permanent record under your name and social security account number of ALL the wages you have earned in jobs covered under old-age and survivors insurance.

When it comes time for you or a member of your family to file a claim for old age or survivors benefits, ALL of the wages listed under your social security account will be included in determining whether you are eligible for benefits and how much you and your family are eligible to receive.

When you have worked for ten years on jobs covered under old-age insurance, you are insured for life.

For further information, visit or write to your nearest social security board field office.

Wallace Fears Unemployment In Mechanizing Cotton Picking

Washington, D. C.
Mechanization of the cotton industry "will cause a most serious unemployment problem in the south," according to Commerce Sec. Henry A. Wallace.

In speaking before a Senate commerce subcommittee on the Bailey-Hays bill to stimulate industrialization of undeveloped areas, Wallace said that unemployment "may easily be one million" among southern farm laborers. He said use of the flame-thrower for weeding and the mechanical cotton picker would be largely responsible.

He urged industrialization of undeveloped and "war baby" areas to take up the slack and raise living standards, saying passage of the full employment bill "committed the government to a program to maximize production and employment. . . . This goal can never be attained if our underdeveloped areas hold large numbers of unemployed workers," he said.

The total number of employees at the Boeing Aircraft Company's Seattle and Renton plants passed the 9,000 mark this week, the company has announced.

NO PANTS, NO SHIRT

Item: A Mississippi railroad worker writes to the editor of Labor, newspaper of the railroad brotherhoods:

"I have been employed as a mechanic in railroad shops for the past 35 years and have always been able to obtain suitable clothing for work—that is, until this world war began.

"Evidently the clothing people don't know the war is over yet. I wear large size pants and shirts but the last work shirt I was able to get was in 1941 and the last work pants in 1942. So what am I to do? Wear dresses? I am down to exactly no pants, no shirt. Incidentally, I am a veteran of World War I."

Item: WASHINGTON.—(UP)—Officials of the Clothing Manufacturers Assn. of the U.S. have warned the government they will cease shipments of men's suits unless OPA price regulations are altered drastically, it was disclosed here.

ANTI-LABOR BILL AIMED AT STRIKES INTRODUCED

Washington, D. C.
Another anti-labor measure was thrown into the House hopper as Rep. A. Willis Robertson (D., Va.) sounded the vocal alarm against Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers.

Robertson's bill (HR 6259) is specific in its attempt to stop by law any payment of a royalty to a labor union, such as is provided in the UMW demand for a 10c a ton royalty to set up a health and hospitalization fund for coal diggers.

Discussing the bill on the floor, Robertson said, "I have today introduced a bill to make it unlawful for any employer to pay or deliver or agree to pay or deliver, any money or other thing of value to any representative of his employees who are engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for commerce." It exempts payments of money to unions for "dues or other similar fees," and provides penalties up to \$10,000 in fines and imprisonment of up to 6 months.

Textile Workers Hear Green Flay CIO As Contrary To Americanism

Washington, D. C.
A thundering burst of applause greeted AFL Pres. William Green when he promised full financial support of his organization to the drive of the United Textile Workers (AFL) to unionize every American textile worker into its ranks.

Green addressed the ninth biennial convention of the UTW at the Roosevelt hotel and promised that "neither a big or a little CIO is going to stop us in our onward march." He charged the CIO "is seeking to destroy established unions," and that the time has come for workers "to learn the difference between organizations standing on Americanism and those based on communism."

The AFL leader, frequently interrupted by the applause of 350 delegates, announced the AFL is "planning an aggressive, militant campaign among the workers in the south." This drive, he said, will go ahead, despite the opposition "of employers or groups of employers or by a rival, rebel movement. We are going to ride rough shod over them until we have organized the unorganized in the south."

Making claim to all the textile workers in the nation, Green shouted that he was sure "the workers of the south, when called upon to decide, will choose between an American union or a foreign-controlled organization, and they will choose the American union. They will remain American to the end. That is the issue in the south today."

Litho Unit Now Affiliated With Rival Labor Body

Washington, D. C.
The Amalgamated Lithographers of America became a formal affiliate of the CIO as Sec. Treas. James B. Carey notified Pres. William J. Riehl of the Lithographers that his application for affiliation had been approved.

Organized in 1882, the Lithographers affiliated with the AFL in 1906, and took in two other craft lithographic unions in 1915-16. It has 55 locals in the U. S. and possessions and 7 locals in Canada. It withdrew from the AFL about a year ago.

The ALA has international offices at New York and Chicago. In addition to Pres. Riehl, officers are Vice Pres. and Sec. Treas. Robert Bruck, Chicago; 2nd Vice Pres. Fred W. Rose, St. Louis; 3rd Vice Pres. Arthur W. Brown, Toronto, Canada; and 4th Vice Pres. Francis P. Slater, San Francisco.

Retail Prices Up 1 Per Cent For One Month

Washington, D. C.
Average retail prices rose to a new postwar peak between Feb. 15 and Mar. 15, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics report issued May 1. The rise during that month alone was 0.5%.

The consumer's price index now stands at 130.2% of the 1935-39 average. Among budget items showing cost rises lately are men's clothing, rents, food and medical services.

State Housing Picture Seen As Improving

(State Federation of Labor Release)
San Francisco, Calif.

That progress is being made by the State Government in providing emergency means for relieving the critical housing situation in California is evident from a report made to Governor Earl Warren by A. Earl Washburn, State Director of Reconstruction and Recompensation.

Washburn pointed out that under the emergency housing legislation adopted at the special session of the legislature, 39% of the 7 1/2 million dollars appropriated to aid cities, colleges and local housing authorities, has been allocated as the state's share in setting up Army, Navy and Federal public housing, which is being erected for emergency use by veterans and their families. The total number of family units covered in the applications received by the Department of Finance from 35 local agencies is 4447.

S. F. PICTURE BETTER
The picture in the San Francisco Bay area, especially, is brightening, Washburn reported. Another stride to relieve the housing situation in the Bay area resulted from the starting of four direct bus lines from Richmond to Oakland, and Richmond to San Francisco. As a result of the new transportation services thus provided, more than 3500 additional veterans' families have been housed in the Richmond homes during the last four months.

SEND YOUR CREDENTIALS!

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)
San Francisco, Calif.

All local unions that have elected delegates to the coming annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor are urged to send in the duplicate credential blanks to the Federation office. It is important that these duplicate blanks, filled out with the delegate's name, reach the Federation office as quickly as possible in order to expedite the organization of the convention and minimize inconveniences that delegates may suffer. It will also help to prevent any delay in the proper functioning of the convention and be of great assistance to the Credentials Committee.

LAKE RESORT OFF LIST

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)
San Francisco, Calif.

Harbin Springs, Lake County resort, is being removed from the Federation's "We Don't Patronize" list at the request of Musicians Local No. 6, which originally initiated the placing of this resort on the unfair list.

Typical Wage Hikes For No. California Unionists Reported To State Federation

Among recent wage increases reported by affiliated unions to the State Federation of Labor are the following:

Vallejo Asbestos Workers 70—15c an hour; San Francisco Bolemakers 9—18c an hour on new ships, plus .116 cents on repair; S. F. Bottlers 923—16 1/2c an hour; S. F. Bakery Workers 493—12 1/2c an hour; S. F. Bay Area Carpenters—25c an hour; Monterey Fish Cannery Workers—16c an hour; Pittsburg Chemical Workers 23—6c an hour; Stockton Culinary Workers—25 to 40% increase; N. Calif. Electrical Workers—18 1/2c an hour; Napa Garment Workers 137—10% increase.

N. Calif. Molders 164—14c to 22c an hour; S. F. Film Exchange Workers—15c to 22c an hour; S. F. Theatrical Employees B-15—5c to 15c an hour; S. F. Ship Painters 961—18c an hour on new work, plus .116c on repair; Sacramento Typos 46—\$3.44 per week on newspapers, \$9.50 per week in commercial shops; Santa Barbara Roofers 137—17c an hour; Alameda-Contra Costa County Sheet Metal Workers 216—25c an hour; S. F. Milk Wagon Drivers 226—\$1.25 per day; Oakland Bakery Wagon Drivers 432—\$7.20 per week.

Shelley Law Gives Sickness Benefits

(Ed. Note: In response to many requests, the following summary of the new Sickness and Disability Insurance Law is given to clarify its provisions. The summary was furnished by John F. Shelley, sponsor of the bill in the State Senate. Brother Shelley is state senator from San Francisco and president of the San Francisco AFL Labor Council. He is a candidate for lieutenant governor and as such is receiving practically the unanimous endorsement of organized labor throughout the state.)

Author of Bill



JOHN F. SHELLEY
State Senator Jack Shelley is the author of the new Sickness and Disability Insurance law, described in this column. As candidate for Lieutenant Governor, he is endorsed by all labor groups in the state. His labor record as State Senator from S. F. County has been perfect. He is also Pres. of the S. F. Labor Council.

CONSTITUTIONALITY

Approved. Is within the scope of the Proclamation, Item 19.

ANALYSIS

The bill provides for the payment of cash benefits to individuals now covered under the Unemployment Insurance Act who are unemployed because of any illness or injury, except those arising out of or in connection with pregnancy which under this bill would not be considered a compensable disability until four weeks after termination of the pregnancy (Secs. 150, 151, 152, 201 and 205).

TO BE ELIGIBLE

To be eligible for disability benefits an individual must:

(a) File a claim.
(b) Serve a waiting period of 7 consecutive days during each spell of disability.
(c) Have been paid \$300 in wages during his base period (the first four out of the last five completed calendar quarters preceding the date of his first valid claim).

(d) Have submitted to physical examinations as required by the Commission.

(e) Have filed a certificate of a physician as to his disability (Sec. 206).

DISQUALIFICATION

Claimants for disability benefits are subject to the same disqualifications as are now provided in respect to unemployment insurance except that a claimant involved in a trade dispute may receive disability benefits if the Commission finds that he is suffering from a bona fide illness or injury and that there is good cause for the payment of such benefits (Sec. 151 (e)).

Disability benefits are not payable to individuals who are receiving or who are entitled to receive unemployment compensation under a State or Federal plan, or workmen's compensation payments (Sec. 207). Provision is also made to prevent a claimant from receiving both disability benefits and wages in an amount greater than his weekly disability payment (Sec. 208).

AMOUNT, DURATION

The amount and duration of disability benefits are computed in the same manner as unemployment insurance benefits except that a claimant cannot receive total benefits for both unemployment compensation and disability compensation in any one benefit year in excess of 1 1/2 times the maximum amount which would be payable for unemployment compensation (Secs. 203 and 204).

The bill provides for the payment of disability benefits for partial weeks of disability (Sec. 205). Claims for disability benefits are filed in the same manner as claims for unemployment compensation and are subject to the same provisions now contained in the Unemployment Insurance Act regarding the determination of claims and appeals therefrom (Sec. 250 and 251).

GIVE CERTIFICATE

Claimants, except those depending upon prayer or spiritual means for healing, are required to submit a certificate of a physician, osteopathic or chiropractic practitioner, certifying to their disability (Sec. 252).

Claimants involved in an appeal may request a closed hearing (Sec. 253) and the medical records of confidential (Sec. 254).

The bill establishes an Unemployment Compensation Disability Fund and provides for the deposit in that fund of the employer or worker contributions now required under Section 44 of the Unemployment Insurance Act which are collected on and after the effective date of this bill. This fund is to be appropriated for the purpose of paying benefits as provided in the bill and not for the cost of administration thereof, provided that not more than 5% of amounts deposited in such fund may be used for cost of administration (Secs. 300, 302 and 303).

WHEN EFFECTIVE

Disability benefits become payable one year after the effective date of the bill unless certain funds are secured from the Unemployment Trust Fund of the United States for the purpose of paying disability benefits, in which event benefits would become payable 90 days after the transfer of such funds to the disability fund (Sec. 403).

Provision is made for the reduction of benefits or the increase of eligibility requirements upon the declaration of an emergency by the Governor if required to protect the solvency of the disability fund (Sec. 404).

The bill provides for the approval by the Commission of voluntary plans for the payment of

disability benefits if such plans afford greater benefits than those provided by the bill, and if the adoption and operation of the plan conforms to specified requirements (Sec. 451).

Policies of insurance issued under such voluntary plans must be approved by the Insurance Commissioner. Upon the approval of a voluntary plan neither the employer nor the employee covered by the plan are liable for the worker contributions otherwise required by the act (Sec. 455).

EMPLOYERS' PART

The employer may pay all or a part of the cost of such plan and may deduct an amount from the wages of his employee covered by the plan provided that such amount is not in excess of the worker contributions (1%) which would be required were the employee not covered by the plan (Sec. 456).

Provision is made for the appeal to the CoCommission of the denial of claims for disability benefits under a voluntary plan and for the determination and settlement thereof (Sec. 459).

The cost of administrative work arising out of voluntary plans may be prorated and charged to employers having such plans in effect, but such charge to any one employer cannot exceed two tenths of one percent of his total wage payments (Sec. 460). The rule-making power of the Commission is extended to the administration and enforcement of the provisions regarding voluntary plans (Sec. 462).

OK FROM U.S.

The Commission is required to submit the Unemployment Insurance Act to the Federal Social Security Board for approval within thirty days after the effective date of this bill, and it is provided that any section or sections of this bill which are determined by the Social Security Board not to be in conformity with the provisions of Title 3 of the Social Security Act and Sections 1601 and 1602 of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act shall be immediately inoperative (Sec. 154).

COMMENT

Senate Bill 126 by Senator Shelley, passed and signed, implements Senate Bill 40 (Shelley) by making the technical appropriation required by law, thereby authorizing payment of benefits.

The provision which would permit the payment of unemployment compensation for a week of unemployment during a part of which a claimant was disabled (Sec. 205) could be interpreted as not being in conformity with the provisions of the Social Security Act. If it were so determined by the Social Security Board the entire Section 205 would become inoperative as provided in Section 154. Should this occur, the bill would still be operative except that disability benefits could not be paid for partial weeks of disability. The provisions of Section 154 which renders a section inoperative upon a determination of the Federal Social Security Board is similar in effect to Section 2 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, the constitutionality of which was upheld in Gillum v. Johnson, 7 Cal. (2d) 744.

Senate Bill 40 and Senate Bill 126 became law by signature of Chief Executive on arch 5, 1946.

Real Co-operator

Have you heard about the Scotchman who was invited to a party and told that each guest was to bring something? He brought his relatives.

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NO BASIS FOR SUSPICION?

At the request of Congressman Daniel A. Reed of New York, an article which was written in 1938 in *Ken* and of equal importance at this moment, was inserted in the appendix of the *Congressional Record*. We suggest that you look it up in your local library (issue of April 30) and read the entire reprint. The evidence, as submitted by Ladislav Farago, the author, is overwhelming that:

1. At Berchtesgaden, Neville Chamberlain tried to extend the Axis to take in Paris and London.
2. Chamberlain was determined to keep out of war at any price rather than to fight Germany as a partner of Russia.
3. In this policy Chamberlain was following the direct instructions of Montague Norman, for 18 years governor of the Bank of England.
4. Norman instructed Chamberlain to do everything in his power to get Germany into a united front against Russia.
5. The 4-power conference in Munich was the climax of a scheme prepared 4 years previously by the directors of the Bank of England and other powerful figures in British life.
6. At a financiers' meeting in the spring of 1934, Norman stated that the issue which had dominated British politics for the previous 15 years was still the burning one—the destruction of the Soviet regime in Russia.
7. Shortly thereafter the directors of the Bank of England went into action, and their first move was the sponsoring of the secret re-arming of Germany (Hitler). They used their controlling interests in both Vickers and Imperial Chemical Industries to help the German rearmament program by all means at their disposal.
8. After Chamberlain became prime minister, he and the then Nazi ambassador, Werner von Blomberg, had several important conferences at No. 10 Downing Street. Chamberlain agreed with the following Von Blomberg proposals: Hitler to annex Austria and dismember Czechoslovakia; England, in course of time, to return Germany some of her lost colonies; England to use her influence to break up the Franco-Russian alliance, thus isolating the Czechs.
9. One of Anthony Eden's (unwilling?) assignments was to break the Franco-Russian military alliance. Leon Blum of France refused. Then the Bank of England used financial pressure on France. It refused a \$600,000,000 loan to bolster French economy. Blum had to get out and was succeeded by Camille Chautemps. Later Daladier became Premier, and the Franco-Russian mutual defense pact was repudiated.
10. On September 12, 1937, Hitler made his speech at the Nuremberg party congress before 300,000 Germans and 44 English lords, who went to Germany to hear the Fuehrer announce his annexation of the Sudetenland. This Czech resistance had been brutally broken by Chamberlain and Daladier, and back of the whole business was the Bank of England and British capitalists.

Ancient history? Perhaps. But the fact remains that if English bankers and capitalists had not maneuvered to sell the Czechs down the river, had not destroyed the French-Russian military alliance, had not helped to re-arm Germany, Hitler would not have dared to move and there would have been no World War II—at least not in Europe. Bernard Shaw says that the lesson we learn from history is that we do not learn from history. Already powerful financial and business interests the world over are pursuing the same path. *This bit of history, it seems to us, is as significant as if it had happened only yesterday!*

IF WE WERE BRAKELESS

Some people say: "What good is the OPA when it has permitted potatoes to jump 300% in price, young turkey to go from 20c to 52c a pound, roasting chickens from 32c to 45c a pound, pork sausage from 21c to 37c a pound, grade-A eggs from 30c to 50c a dozen?"

But folks who ask that question forget that such prices, compared with those in the years after the first world war, look quite low. If price control were removed altogether, prices for many foods would double and treble for the next year or two, and the average worker would then be in real trouble.

Don't let anybody fool you with silly talk about "the market quickly straightening itself out if controls are lifted." It will be another two years possibly before the inflation danger is past. Meantime, the OPA (even though it permits dents in the "line" here and there) is functioning as a brake. Some of us think the brake is too weak, but when you're going down a steep hill even a weak brake is better than none at all!

LOPSIDED JOURNALISM

One of the best newspapers in the world, so far as straight, factual reporting of national and international news is concerned, is the *Christian Science Monitor*. But even the best newspapers allow prejudice to "unbalance" the news coverage once in a while. For instance, we have noted that during the month of April the *Monitor* featured many stories in which witnesses testified against the Wagner-Murray-Dingell national health proposals, but we couldn't find any headlines reporting testimony in favor of it. Gallup polls have shown conclusively that a big majority of the American people favor such legislation. Such being the case, wouldn't it be a little fairer to present the pro, as well as the con, side of the controversy?

AMBIDEXTROUS CACOPHONY

One of the best quips we've heard in a long while is the following bit of underground humor reported to have come out of Palestine:

"Why is the British Labor Government like a violin?"

"Because it's held by the Left and played on by the Right."

Calif. Unions Send Reports On Pay Scales

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif.

In response to the Federation's request of its various affiliates, it has received many new agreements which the A. F. of L. unions in California have negotiated since V-J Day.

The Federation's Research Department has begun an analysis of the gains won by its affiliates and has prepared a preliminary survey of the wage increases received since the first of the year. A summary of these increases will be found in the table elsewhere in this paper. It should be noted that this preliminary report contains wage increases found in only 28 agreements, but the Federation has received several hundred of such agreements and further reports will be made as these others are analyzed.

GAINS SINCE V-J DAY

This report deals only with wage increases since January 1, 1946. Subsequent reports will deal with wage increases since V-J Day. In some cases, unions have received more than one increase since V-J Day. For instance, the figures show that Chemical Workers, Local 23, received a .06 per hour increase on April 1, 1946. This figure, however, is not a complete picture of the gains made by this local since V-J Day, since it had already received a 15% increase between V-J Day and January 1, 1946.

Of significance are the \$25 per hour increases granted to the Carpenters and Painters in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sheet Metal Workers' in both the Bay Area and Southern California. These increases, it should be emphasized, were obtained through the process of collective bargaining and without strikes.

Of equal importance are the increases granted to Film Exchange Workers in San Francisco and Los Angeles, which ranged from 15% to 22%.

The 22% was granted to the lower paid workers whose wages had been held down to an unconscionably low level by the wartime wage stabilization policy. As a result of collective bargaining, the 22% increase for the lower paid workers has brought the wages to a level commensurate with the duties of their jobs.

SEND IN YOUR DATA!

Unions which have not yet sent in this information to the Federation are urged to do so at once, and to be sure to report both the old and new scales. This preliminary study gives evidence that the A. F. of L. unions in California have, through the processes of collective bargaining, been very successful in obtaining improvements in their wage scales.

Machinists Hit Firing of San Diego Newsman

San Diego, Calif.

When Clinton D. McKinnon, professedly pro-labor publisher of the San Diego Daily Journal, fired John Clarke, rewrite man, the incident had repercussions he did not foresee.

At a mass meeting of Lodge 1125, Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated), the 1300 members took time out from their main business of discussing their strike against Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. to exonerate the Journal for Clarke's dismissal.

A resolution adopted by the machinists complained that "the present policies of the Journal are contrary to the liberal aims set forth to the people of San Diego at its inception" in March, 1944. McKinnon explained that Clarke was dismissed at the end of a 6-week probationary period "because his objectivity was influenced by his ideological philosophy."

In an editorial the following day outlining the Journal's policy, the paper stated that "gradually, sometimes painfully, the Journal has weeded out the extreme left wingers—those who allowed their political philosophies to interfere with objective news-handling—and has replaced them with staffers devoted to true liberalism, to the honest concepts of news-handling."

S. F. Butchers Ask 5-Day Week, But No Decrease in Wages

San Francisco, Calif.

The Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen (AFL) has asked the Butchers Board of Trade for a 5-day 40-hour week, involving closing of all retail meat markets every Monday. The union asks the same pay—\$66 a week for head meat cutters, \$51 for journeymen—for 40 as for the present 48 hours. Butchers in wholesale and packing plants now have the 5-day week. The present demand, now being negotiated, would extend the plan to 3000 retail butchers in five bay area counties.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

THE FRIENDLY WARNING

Abe Cohen was getting on in years and decided that he had better start thinking about grave-stones, coffins and such. He approached his lodge brother, Goldsmith, who was an undertaker, and asked about a casket. Said Goldsmith:

"For a friend, here is my best mahogany number, with sterling silver handles, lined in genuine satin, for only \$300."

"A swell friend!" exclaimed Abe. "Why, right down the street there's an undertaker who's a complete stranger, and he offers the same thing for \$50 less—and silver handles thrown in!"

"All right, all right!" roared Goldsmith, "you just go ahead and buy your coffin from him. But I tell you right now that six months after they bury you, your behind will be sticking out through the bottom!"

MATTER OF RELATIVITY

MOE: "Do you know the definition for a wealthy aunt?"

JOE: "Naw—what?"

—MOE: "She's the kin you love to touch."

THE LOGICAL SUSPECTS

MOITILE: "I see in the paper that officials of the N.Y. Zoological Gardens complained to police that some one had been throwing stones at one of the storks."

GOITIE: "Well, what about it?"

MOITILE: "Detectives are said to be rounding up all recent fathers of triplets."

HER HOOK WASN'T BAITED

"Have fun on your fishing trip, Mary?"

"It was awful. I'll never go fishing with that man again."

"Migosh! What did he do?"

"Fished."

RELATIVEDISCOVERY

WIFE: "You deceived me before our marriage, you said you were well off."

HUSBAND: "I was, but I didn't know it."

LADIES FIRST

"How dare you swear before my wife?"

"I'm sorry, sir. I didn't know she wanted to swear first."

WITHOUT TRIMMINGS

LAWYER: "Then you admit that you struck the defendant with malice aforethought?"

DEFENDANT (Indignantly): "You can't mix me up like that. I've told you twice I hit him with a brick, and on purpose. There wasn't no mallets nor nothin' of the kind about it, just a plain brick like any gentleman would use."

EMPTY VICTORY

It was pouring. Two men who had quarreled went out in the rain to settle their differences. They fought until one got the other on his back and held him there.

"Will you give up?" he asked, and the reply was "No."

After a time the question was repeated, but again the reply was "No."

"Then," said the other, "will you get on top for a while and let me get under? I'm getting soaked."

LOST 4888 WEEKS

"You say he's 94, never looked at a girl in his life, and doesn't smoke, drink or gamble?"

"Yes—beats me why he wanted to live so long."

RAPIDLY IMPROVING

"Melvin! MELVIN!"

"What, ma?"

"Are you spitting in the fish bowl?"

"No, ma, but I'm comin' pretty close."

Grain Processor Union Protests Wheat Policies

Kansas City, Mo.

Threat of a strike in terminal grain elevators to protest government wheat buying policies was voiced here by Vice Pres. J. A. Leveridge of the American Federation of Grain Processors (AFL).

Leveridge denounced government policies as a threat to employment in his industry. He asserted the 30c a bushel bonus paid farmers for wheat to be shipped to starving peoples is diverting wheat from milling. Leveridge said the least the government could do under the export wheat milled into flour in this country.

A 3-state conference of delegates from unions in Missouri, Illinois and Iowa has been called to discuss the question of a protest strike. Observers from Kansas unions will attend. Leveridge made it clear the strike is not against millers but against government subsidy policies.

DANGEROUS PRACTICE

Stepping out into traffic lanes from between parked cars accounts for approximately 35,000 pedestrian accidents annually in the United States. Pedestrians should scrupulously avoid this dangerous practice.

Chief of Studio Unions Acquitted Of 'Riot' Charge

Burbank, Calif.

Pres. Herbert K. Sorrell of the Conference of Studio Unions (AFL) and seven others were acquitted of the charge of rioting last Oct. 5 when police and studio guards attacked a mass picketline at Warner Bros. studio.

While acquitting them of the rioting charge, the Burbank trial jury held that the eight defendants were guilty of "refusal to disperse" and that one of them, A. V. Schiavone, studio carpenter, had disturbed the peace.

These findings will be appealed unless a new trial is granted. Defense Counsel William Esterman notified City Judge Raymond L. Reid. Defense maintained that testimony in the 10-week trial, longest misdemeanor trial in California legal history, conclusively disproved all the charges.

The so-called rioting arrests were made last year after Warner Bros. guards used teargas and fire hose to break up a line of several hundred pickets and after a mass charge of 300 armed police and deputy sheriffs had beaten pickets and bystanders off the streets for more than a block in all directions. Evidence at the trial included admission by numerous Burbank policemen that, while on the city payroll, they were also being paid by Warner Bros.

The city of Burbank has similar charges pending against 316 others arrested during the picketing of the Warner studio in last year's 8-month Hollywood strike.

NAVY YD. MARCH

WASHINGTON. — Busloads of workers at the Brooklyn Navy Yard came to Washington in a "protest march" to save jobs of thousands of workers now being laid off after 20 to 30 years service. "March" sponsored by Brooklyn Metal Trades Council, representing 18 AFL unions in yard.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

ELECT

ELMER L.

MACHADO



CORONER-PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF MONTEREY COUNTY

- ★ VETERAN
- ★ ATTORNEY
- ★ NATIVE MONTEREY COUNTY

PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY — JUNE 4th

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

ELECT

Nicholas R. Gee



The Only World War II
Veteran

Not Too Old—Not too Young
39 Years Old

GOVERNMENT TRAINED
For 20 Years in Administration
Diplomacy - Protection
Leadership - Public Relations
Efficiency
Law and Order

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Guarantees a
Firm - Impartial - Fair
Loyal and Honest

SHERIFF FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

Primary Election June 4

Women Trade Union Head Hits Anderson For Meat Statement

Washington, D. C.

Pres. Rose Schneiderman of the Natl. Women's Trade Union League said she took "a very serious view" of the price situation in the meat industry. She referred to Agriculture Sec. Clinton Anderson's statement before the Senate Banking Committee that meat price ceilings might be removed in 90 days if the government could not solve the black market problem by then.

"I feel like asking for Mr. Anderson's removal from office," she said, to the applause of her audience of some 500 women. The statement was made before the Conference on Unfinished Business in Social Legislation.

Great Britain produced more than 2,500 locomotives of 40 different types during the war.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Elect a Friend of Labor



JUDGE GOODWIN J. KNIGHT

No decision unfriendly to Labor in 11 Years as Superior Court Judge.

Friend to War Veterans—
19 months as seaman on U. S. Navy Subchaser
Only Veteran Candidate for

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RETAIN Thomas H. KUCHEL

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He Served in World War II

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RETAIN . . .

J. A. (Ollie)

CORNETT

(Incumbent)

CORONER

and

Public

Administrator

Monterey County

Election June 4, 1946

Incumbent J. A. Ollie Cornett today announced his candidacy for the office of Coroner and Public Administrator in and for the County of Monterey in the forthcoming June Election. He has given his entire and undivided time to this office and runs on his record as a public servant and feels his record should be sufficient to warrant his support by the public that he has served.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

FRED

MOORE

Candidate for

SHERIFF

Monterey County

17 Years Experience in
Law Enforcement

14 Years Chief of Monterey
Police Department

Founder and President of
Nationally Known Monterey
Boys' Club



POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

RE-ELECT . . . George R. Reilly State Board of Equalization



Let's Re-Elect Him in
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June 4th

A GOOD FRIEND OF LABOR
A GOOD PUBLIC OFFICIAL
(Incumbent Member, First District)

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

LET'S KEEP A GOOD GOVERNOR



Re-elect

EARL

WARREN GOVERNOR

June 4

ON HIS RECORD

... honest and courageous ... reduced your taxes ... put state on sound business basis ... friend of labor, endorsed by State Federation, A. F. L. ... a veteran himself, put state in No. 1 position in care of veterans ... aided child welfare ... friend of farmer. A people's governor who really does things for the people.

Vote for Earl Warren!

SALINAS UNION DIRECTORY

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres., Judson F. Flint, 201 Archer, phone 3298. Secy., Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Hans Top, 1128 Laurie Ave., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres., John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres., Eddie Rose. Secy., and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess, Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6209.

BUTCHERS 506 (SALINAS BRANCH)—Pres., Bill Johnson. Fin. Secy., E. L. Courtright, 329 Quilla St., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Exec. Secy., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters Hall, North Main Street. Pres., Ray Luna. Vice-Pres., I. R. Miller. Business Agent, George Harter, 422 North Main Street, phone 5721. Financial Secy., L. H. Taft, 243 Clay Street, phone 4246. Treas., O. O. Little, Recording Secy., Amos Schofield, 422 North Main.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Ed Francis; Vice-President, Mrs. Ray Luna; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aubrey Cunningham; Treasurer, Mrs. Mark Pilliar; Warden, Mrs. Bert Nelson; Conductress, Mrs. Earl Van Emon.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres., Peter A. Andrade, phone 4893. Secy.-Treas., George Harter, 422 N. Main, phone 5721. Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, phone 4893; George Harter, phone 5721.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom. Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave., J. F. Matos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 252—Meets on call in Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets. Mildred Clayton, president and business agent. Phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 117 Pajaro Street at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross. Fin. Secy. and Business Agent, Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa Street, phone 4126. Recording Secy., Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Every; Recording Secretary, William Farris; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 433 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schireke, 636 El Camino Real, No. 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 255 Monterey St., Salinas.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove, Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alson, P.O. Box 217, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple, Pres., R. H. Clinch, 348 W. Street, Vice-Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secy.-Treas., W. Y. Karich, 20 Nativity Road, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 2016—President, J. Collins; Secretary-treasurer, R. MacRossie; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

TEAMSTERS 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone 9785. Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216. Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

SWEEP IT CLEAN CHARLES



"Reds" Battling To Control CIO

A battle appears to be shaping up between Communists and their opponents for control of the CIO.

Some CIO leaders, aroused over the extent of "Red" influence, are attempting a "housecleaning." This was illustrated when Walter P. Reuther, new president of the United Automobile Workers—in which Communists and "fellow-travelers" have been powerful—announced that hereafter "Reds" will be barred from paid positions in the union.

Other chiefs of the organization are speaking up in the same manner. For example, Van A. Bittner, one-time official of the United Mine Workers and now head of the CIO's organizing drive in the South, turned down support offered by Communist-dominated groups in New York.

Also, the Utility Workers' union, a CIO affiliate, adopted a constitutional prohibition against membership by Communists in the union.

JUST ONE EXAMPLE

However, the "Reds" aren't giving up easily. One demonstration of this occurred at a convention in Atlantic City, where two CIO unions—one representing Federal employees and the other local government workers—merged into a single "United Public Workers of America."

President William Green of the A. F. of L., speaking at a meeting of the rival American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, charged that the new amalgamated CIO organization was "offered by Communists" and "dominated by those who owe allegiance to another government." Green's accusation appeared to be confirmed by resolutions adopted at the party.—"LABOR."

Do You Know?

—That, before we in the United States begin to feel too superior to the "backward" peoples in other parts of the world, we had better hold our noses and take a look in our own back yard?

—That the state of Alabama (which is certainly not the worst example in our country) provides some statistics (we get them from the Mobile Labor Journal) that ought to be of concern to us?

—That the average income for the nation is \$1041, while in Alabama it is \$470?

—That 96.3 per cent of all Alabama farmers receive an average of \$278 a year?

—That while the average public school expenditure in the nation is \$108.49 per pupil per year, in Alabama it is only \$41.97?

—That of Alabama's 4061 public schools, 1409 are one-teacher schools?

—That in Alabama 66 per cent of the dwelling units have no running water, 57 per cent have no inside toilet, and 75 per cent have no bath-tubs or showers?

—That in Alabama in 1944 only 19 per cent of the adult citizens voted, compared to 61.9 per cent average in non-poll tax states?

—That the big drive of Organized Labor planned in the South should do much to correct conditions in states like Alabama?

When You Get Those Shoes Fixed, Don't Pay Over Ceilings!

Take a look at your shoes before paying more than the regular ceiling price for sole jobs at your neighborhood shoe repair shop these days!

OPA announced that increased prices of 25c for men's sizes and 15c for women's and children's will be allowed only on certain makes. They are: Avonite and Neo-cord full soles, and O'Sullivan's half soles. Neolite and Panolene were previously exempted from the old ceilings.

San Diego AFL In Controversy With Mayor on Salvage Issues

San Diego, Calif.

Mayor Harley E. Knox and the AFL are feuding.

Knox, who once claimed the support of the community's liberal element, recently blasted organized labor for what he claimed were excessively high cost estimates in salvaging lumber from abandoned Camp Callan, which the city purchased from the Army for \$200,000 to obtain building materials for veterans' homes.

He directed his criticism against the AFL building trades unions, which the mayor contended insisted on a "disproportionate" number of skilled workers in the razing job.

A hot denial was immediately issued by Sec. K. G. Bitter of the Building Trades Council. He was backed up by the Central Trades Council of San Diego County, which demanded that Knox either retract his statement or prove his allegations. Bitter accused Knox of using labor as a scapegoat to cover up his own mistakes and those of the city council in planning the wrecking of the camp buildings.

Valleys Project Contracts Given

Recent contract awards in the rapidly-developing Central Valleys Project are topped by the recent bid of \$3 1/2 million for construction of Delta-Mendocino canal and Westley aWsteway, a major excavating and building project. Other recent awards include the following: Peter Kiewit Sons, builder of the first 21 miles of the Friant-Kern canal, \$1,590,000 for the next 8 1/2 mile section to the Kings River. The same company will build a 16-mile section between San Joaquin and Kings River. Bechtel Bros.-McCone Co. of San Francisco will build the siphon and wasteway at Little Dry Creek.

The value of property destroyed by fire during 1945 amounted to more than 455 million dollars.

MINUTES

Central Labor Council

The meeting was called to order by Pres. McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of seven delegates from five locals. Regular officers present were Pres. McCutcheon, V-P Johnson and Sec.-Treas. Edwards.

The minutes of April 2 (no quorum on April 16) were read and approved as read.

Various communications were presented and considered.

The secretary's bill for \$1.70 for two telegrams was approved and ordered paid.

A resolution was presented supporting Charles L. Frost as a candidate for a position on the school board of trustees in Monterey. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the resolution be endorsed. The Council believes that Mr. Frost is exceedingly well qualified for the position and urges all qualified voters to vote for him at the election on May 17.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the secretary be authorized to run an ad in the Monterey Peninsula Herald next week supporting the candidacy of Mr. Frost.

The Carpenters reported that Bro. Dale Ward had just returned from the Florida meeting of their International. They reported that much new work is starting in this community and all members are working. Twelve new members were admitted.

The Cannery Workers reported that nine canneries are working on squid. Help is scarce with them. The Glass Bottle Blowers reported that they had had a barbecue at their last meeting.

The Barbers reported two new shops signed up.

The Bartenders reported that they had had a good meeting and five new members admitted. A new wage scale and agreement has been accepted for this community. 78 contracts have gone out and 53 have already been signed and returned. One one established so far has refused to sign.

The financial report was read and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,

Secretary.

Copy of the resolution regarding C. L. Frost which was adopted by the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at its meeting May 7, 1946.

Whereas, Mr. Charles L. Frost has shown by his past record that he is interested in the welfare of young people, and

Whereas he has proven himself a successful and progressive community leader, and

Whereas, he has offered his services as a member of the Monterey School Boards of Trustees,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council do hereby endorse the candidacy of Mr. Charles L. Frost, and urges all registered voters to cast their ballots for him at the election on May 17.

(Signed)

E. D. McCUTCHEON,

President.

WAYNE EDWARDS,

Secretary.

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Elect—
LOUIS C.

MOORE



MONTEREY COUNTY District Attorney

Primary—June 4

VOTE FOR A VETERAN

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BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose. Hans Top, Secy. and Bus. Agent, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. President, Ralph Lester, 307 1/2 Madison St.; Secretary-Treas., A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Ph. 5741.

BARTENDERS 483 (HOTEL, RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m., 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Sec., Pearl Robinson; Bus. Agt., Steve Smario, Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey; phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. President F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 284, Watsonville; Fin.-Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec.-Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 3715.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., W. J. Dickerson, 201 Monroe St., phone 8160. Secretary and Bus. Agent, L. T. Long, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 4292. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., phone 6744. Mailing address: P.O. Box 611. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (MONTEREY BRANCH)—Pres., Floyd Harris. Fin. Secy., E. L. Courtright, 329 Quilla St., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Ex. Secy., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 411 1/2 Alvarado St. Pres., Geo. Dietl, phone 7992. Fin. Secy., D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson St., phone 6726. Bus. Rep., L. T. Long, phone 6726. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., P.O. Box 611, phone 6744.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY PENINSULA)—Meets at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon. Vice-Pres., J. F. Wheat. Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey. E. C. Geary, president. Paul Day, secretary. Phone 7550.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC (Monterey County, AFL)—Meets on call. Pres., William Culver; Bus. Agent, Lester Caveny; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbricht. Office at Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., New Monterey.

FISHERMEN (SEINE AND LINE)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Salvatore Davigo, 335 Monroe St., phone 7720. Secretary and Bus. Agent, John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first Sunday morning of each month at 10 o'clock. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David avenue. Vice-President, Thomas E. McGuire, P. O. Box 156, Seaside. Secretary-Treasurer, Frank E. Decker, P. O. Box 1305, Monterey.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Seifert, 1508 First St., Salinas, Phone Salinas 674.

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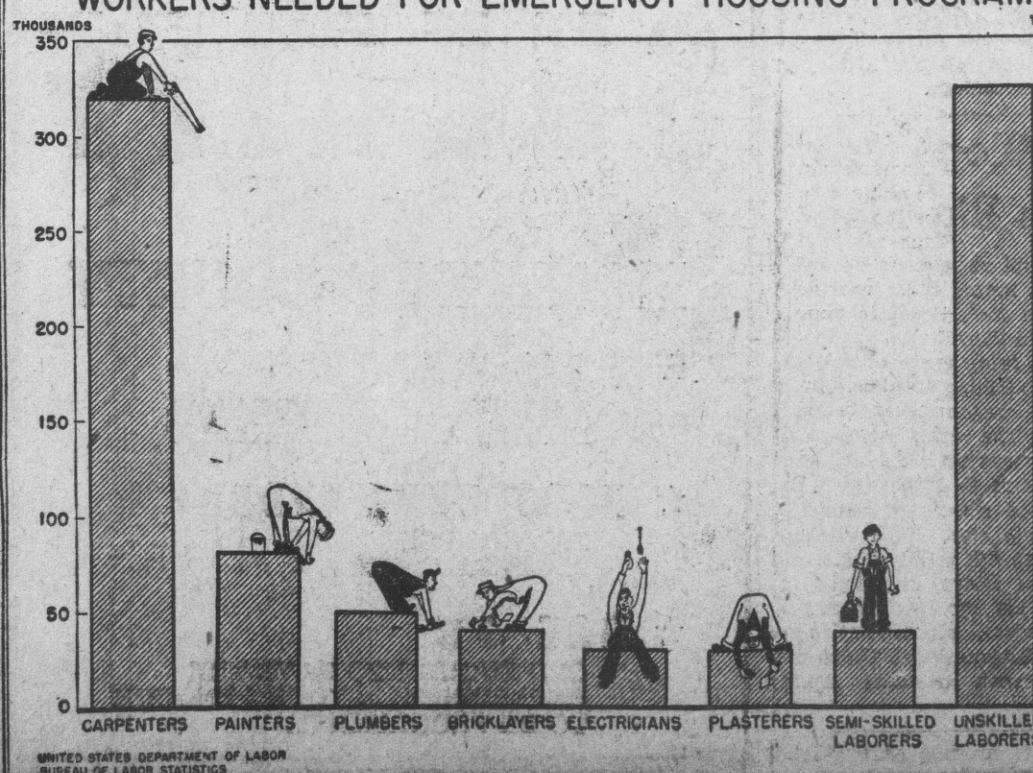
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**Price Control
Changes Could
Hike Cost \$16
Wk., Declared**

Washington, D. C.
Unless the House amendments to the OPA are removed by the Senate, living costs will probably rise 30% to 50% by the end of 1946. That would mean an average weekly increase of more than \$16 for the average American family, economists estimate. Here is how the amendments would make price control impossible, legalizing inflation:

THE GOSSETT DECONTROL AMENDMENT, lifting controls on all products whose output is greater than the level of July 1, 1940-June 30, 1941. Would force OPA to remove ceiling on items making up at least half the cost of living, including meat, milk, coal, shoes, women's and children's woolen and rayon clothes.

THE WOLCOTT - ANDRESEN AMENDMENT, guaranteeing cost plus a reasonable profit for every product manufactured or sold. Would blow ceilings sky-high on automobiles, refrigerators, radios and most household appliances and justify price increases on thousands of items which industry has always made and sold at little profit.

THE WOLCOTT AMENDMENT for a 25% reduction in the subsidy program every 45 days beginning July 1. Result would be an 8% to 10% rise in retail food prices by the end of 1946, \$2 billion added to the nation's annual food bill in 1947 and two or three times that much in coming years.

THE FLANNAGAN AMENDMENT for elimination of meat subsidies. Would raise retail meat prices 5c to 6c a pound, increasing the meat bill \$750 million a year. Would legalize black market prices on all meats.

ABOLITION OF THE MAXIMUM AVERAGE PRICE REGULATION designed to insure production of low cost clothing. Would mean \$85 suits, \$7.50 shirts and \$27 cotton dresses, giving manufacturers the green light to channel all textiles into expensive lines.

ELIMINATION OF COST ABSORPTION would pass all price increases on to the consumer.

ENDING OPA NINE MONTHS AFTER JUNE 30 would invite a sellers' strike. Manufacturers would begin hoarding goods, anticipating the lid would be off all prices after March 31, 1947.

**Detroit Mailer
Union Wins Big
Contract Gains**

Detroit, Mich.
40 hours pay for 37½ hours work is the new scale of Detroit Mailers Local 40, Intl. Typographical Union (AFL), in the commercial shops of the area, ratified by the union membership. Many other gains were also won.

The new day shift rate is \$1.7712 an hour. The night (afternoon) shift week of 35 hours is paid at \$1.8977 an hour. A \$4 a week increase for the lobster (midnight) shift brings the hourly rate to \$2.012. This shift also works 35 hours straight time.

Sunday and holiday work will now be paid at doubletime instead of time and a half. Call-in pay is instituted at two hours minimum, also at doubletime, for those days.

An insurance plan to cover accident and sickness causing lost time will be worked out, Pres. Max Burns of the local announces. The gains benefit 60 mailers.

**MORE 'FREE
ENTERPRISE'**

The insurance companies are down to the last \$300 million worth of property they acquired through mortgage foreclosures during the depression, according to Roger Budrow, financial editor of the Indianapolis News.

This, Mr. Budrow points out, is only 10 per cent of the property they obtained in that way at that time. In other words, the insurance companies cleaned up three billion dollars' worth of property by throwing families out of their homes and off their farms during the administration of Herbert Hoover. Now the insurance companies are selling this property at inflated prices caused by big business pressure on the OPA.

They take it away from people during a depression and sell it back to them at high prices during "good times." Then they sit back and wait for the next depression so they can take the property back again.

It's a nice racket, and perfectly legal. When anybody tries to make it illegal, the corporations shout that "free enterprise" is in jeopardy!—INTERNATIONAL TEAM-STEER.

DEMAND THE LABEL**Plumbers' Rates
Revised by OPA**

Revised and "simplified" order governing maximum charges for plumbing services in Northern and Central California have been issued by the Regional OPA office, it has been announced by Edward J. Bennett, District Director.

The order makes no substantial change in maximum hourly labor costs but simplifies current pricing methods by establishing maximum prices dependent on the seller's business location by county, rather than by city or community, Bennett said.

Maximum labor charges, by counties: For journeymen plumbers in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano counties: \$2.00 per hour. In Monterey, Kings, Tulare, Fresno and Mono counties: \$2.75 per hour. The above rates apply to all such services whether supplied under a lump-sum or cost-plus basis.

Maximum hourly rate for plumbers who employ no journeymen plumbers, apprentices or semi-skilled or common laborers in Alameda, Marin, Sacramento, San Mateo counties: \$2.75. For San Francisco county: \$3.00. All remaining counties included in the revised order: \$2.75.

The new directive also provides for overtime pay ranging from 1½ to 2 times the straight wage, but such overtime may not be paid unless requested by the customer.

Plumbers now are permitted to obtain reimbursement for costs incurred by employers' expenses on out-of-town jobs, and for building permits, inspection and other fees.

The plumber also is required to keep proper records and to furnish the customer, on request, an invoice or sales slip itemizing materials and labor cost, except in lump-sum contracts, Bennett said.

**Zander Named
President of
State-County
Organization**

Chicago, Illinois.
Arnold S. Zander was re-elected president by the 450 delegates to the 10th anniversary convention of American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSE) as they ended a busy week of reorganization and planning. Sec.-Treas. H. Z. Collier was also reelected.

The delegates came from 30 states and represented almost 90,000 workers in 998 locals. Main business of the convention, the first since 1940, was an overhaul of the union constitution and streamlining of the organizational setup. All administration proposals for re-vamping the constitution were adopted but an official recommendation for raising the per capita from 30c a month to 50c was whittled down by delegates to a 5c increase.

In his report to the convention Zander pointed with pride to the strides made by the union since the 1940 gathering. Policies of the AFSE had won workers throughout the nation long overdue wage adjustments and improved working conditions, he said, but the union still has a big job ahead in winning decent wages and working conditions for every civil servant.

Emphasizing the need for more organizing work—keynote of the convention—Zander said the constitutional changes and increase in per capita were necessary to enlarge the organizing staff. Referring to its recent success in organizing policemen, he said the union would fight to the U. S. supreme court, if necessary, to assure their right to organize.

GREEN LAUDS UNION
The AFL is proud of the government workers union, AFL Pres. William Green told delegates, calling their growth an achievement second to none in the history of the labor movement.

**CIO Diego Raid
Try is Big Flop**

An attempt at raiding in the San Diego area netted the CIO exactly nothing; in fact, it brought them considerable ill-will and public disapproval. Trying for members and dues in the fishing industry, a CIO fishermen's union lost out in a showdown. The result was an iron-clad agreement between AFL Cannery Workers & Fishermen's Union and the six major wholesale fish markets controlling virtually all the fresh fish supply distributed out of San Diego. An organizing campaign led by Joe Howard of San Francisco, representative of Seafarers' International Union, was climaxed with contract signing last week.

"There is no test of truth but reason."—JOSEPH LECONTE.

**Senate Hearings on
Columbia Authority
To Come Up in June**

Washington, D. C.
Hearings on S. 1716, a bill to set up a Columbia Valley Authority, are scheduled before a Senate Commerce subcommittee for the last week in June.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Hugh B. Mitchell (D., Wash.). It would provide a program of flood and erosion control, development of hydro-electric power, planting and terracing of watersheds and promote navigation and land reclamation.

Area covered by the authority would include parts of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

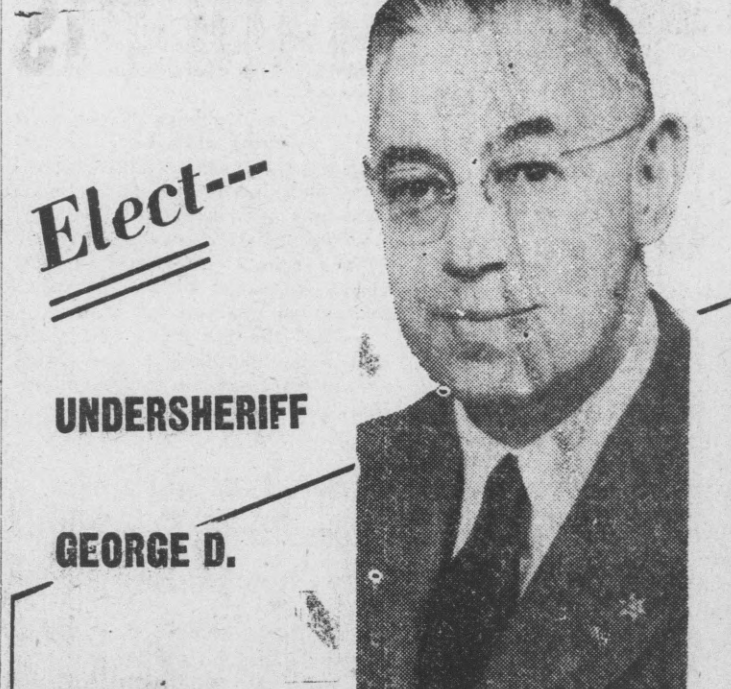
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WASHINGTON. — Representation of management, "labor, farmers and other citizens' groups in the United Nations economic and social agencies and in the economic agencies of our own government, through which all must work together for full employment and orderly progress," asked by the AFL in the current issue of Labor's Monthly Survey.

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